Sharing Christ in Every Province

Our vision is to train and equip Christians, through local chapters, to share the gospel in the marketplace with people in Canada from sea to sea.
Your Gifts - a Privilege and a Blessing
Wayne Clark, Executive Director

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers began marketplace evangelism in Canada fourteen years ago, taking the gospel in colour to the International Plowing Match in Elora, ON. From one event and 5000 people, the outreach has grown to 100 events in 10 provinces and 100,000 people reached in 2013. In 2014 we strive to reach more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

It is our mission to present Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour to the communities across Canada. As one of our directors, Roy Nielsen said: "It is such a privilege to share God's gospel of salvation; to see the Holy Spirit convict and move hearts; to see people claim Jesus Christ as their Saviour."

FCFC relies solely on the generosity of individuals and churches for support. Without the assistance of people just like you, we would not be able to reach as many people.

We ask you to prayerfully consider giving to FCFC this year, either as a one time donation or on a monthly basis. Last year our expenses were $95,000 - that's less than $1 per person who heard the gospel. We do everything possible to minimize expenses and many people give freely of their time.

Thirty-five dollars annually qualifies you for membership and that is less than 10¢ a day. Every donation makes a difference, regardless of size. When you give, you are part of the team and have the privilege of sharing in the blessings. Please pray for FCFC in 2014. And we would love to see you at the Retreat in April. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

President Duncan MacKiddie is presently undergoing radiation and chemotherapy. Please join us in praying for complete healing.
From the Desk of Bill Brown

The Bible – God’s Love Letter to US

February is often called the month of love in many places around the world. I celebrated it by presenting my Valentine a long stem pink (her favorite color) rose. Hey, why buy a whole dozen when one makes her just as happy? Valentine’s Day was first associated with romantic love in the high middle ages, 11th – 13th century. The tradition flourished in 18th century England into how we celebrate it today, with romantic dinners, flowers and candy.

I also took my Mom out for a bite to eat as a token of my love and respect for her. While spending time with her I took the liberty to look over a revised copy of my families’ genealogy. As I looked through the pages it became evident that strong family ties and a love for all built on our Christian heritage became a hallmark of the Gingerich family. My grandmother, Rachel, came to the United States from Baden, Ontario at the age of sixteen and soon married widower Joseph Widrick, grandpa to me, and took over the job of raising his two small sons. Soon, six more children were added to the family, of which my mom was number four, with love being shown to all.

I wonder sometimes, we talk a lot about love, but do we really exhibit true love? God in the greatest book on love ever written shows real love.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Jesus Christ is God’s gift of love to the world.

As we start the New Year and with it the busy show season in front of us, let’s keep in mind the love that’s been shown to us by family throughout many generations and of course the love Christ showed on the cross. It shouldn’t be hard to share the bead story with love and compassion when so much has been given us.

Once again, thanks for serving, for praying and for supporting this great ministry as we “go into all the world” sharing Christ’s love for all.

Remember to give Him thanks in all things.

Bill Brown

FCFI Mission Trip Opportunities

ECHO - Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization
Fort Myers, FL, Oct 27 - 31, 2014
Work Projects include: Plumbing, Electric, Outside Repairs, Ditch digging, Landscaping, Planting & Harvesting, Building Construction
$320 (US) per person from Ft. Myers

Reality Ranch Ministries
Zolfo Springs, FL, Nov 3 - 8, 2014
Work Projects include:
Construction / carpentry, & lots of smaller maintenance jobs such as painting, pressure washing, fence building, etc.
$320 (US) per person from Orlando, FL

For both trips:
Cost includes food and lodging
Info: Contact Bill & Kathy Brown
315-736-5964 or 315-749-6823
"Are we in shape to take the Word of Salvation with the unction of the Holy Spirit to a lost and dying world?"

Once again we are thankful for God’s grace and favour shown unto us at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto this past fall, enabling us to minister truth unto those who came into the FCFC booth. Men, women and children by the thousands were ready to hear the simple but profound message of the Cross, with many calling upon His Name as Lord and Savior.

Witnessing with our own eyes the change in the facial expressions and overall countenances of peace with those who prayed with us, can put a different perspective on worldly plans and goals which man pursues in his 60, 80 or 100 years on earth.

Our time down here is the shortest thing we will ever do in light of eternity, but eternity was touched by the 36 volunteers who shared the gospel, plus the many hands who helped prepare the thousands of walking sticks and small items for this event, Jesus said if you give a cup of water in My Name you will not lose your reward, and there were many cups from the “RIVER OF THE WATER OF LIFE” given in preparation for, and during the 10 days of the Royal. It’s His delight to reward those who are about the Father’s business.

The Apostle Paul speaks about running the race and running it to obtain the goal. Wherever there is a race there are spectators, and the writer of Hebrews tells us that we are surrounded with a great cloud of witnesses.

Our relatives and friends who have already run their race, and are gone Home, are included in this great cloud of witnesses (spectators). I wonder if they are cheering us on with an urgency so as to not draw back and become complacent, that we may reach out to the billions which have not yet bent their knee to the Lordship of Christ.

The baton has been passed onto us believers in this generation, to run our part of the relay, the question is: Are we in shape to take the Word of Salvation with the Unction of the Holy Spirit to a lost and dying world?

Allow me to draw a parallel. Medical Science says that we have 100 trillion cells and 98% of them are replaced with new ones each year that is approximately 300 million per minute. (How marvellous God has created us!) The quality or health of these new cells which are our bodies, are determined by the building blocks or materials we provide for them which is the food we eat, the fluids we drink and the air we breathe.

We as individual believers are the building blocks that make up the Body of Christ and what we feed our inner man with, determines how healthy a cell we are to the Body of Christ as a whole.

Statistics estimate that there are between three quarters to one billion born again believers on the face of the earth today, some believe this to be a conservative figure, but if 750,000,000 (3/4 billion) of us were to just get one person saved this year, next year this time there would be 1.5 billion serving Christ, and if that one and a half billion would put their hand to the plow and not... (continued on page 7)
Celebration and Praise
".... so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together." John 4:36

Following the IPM, FCF volunteers met in Exeter for an evening of celebration and praise for what the Lord had done. We enjoyed good food and music, and people shared stories of their experience.

John Van Elswyck said: Just sharing at the fairs has been so awesome. This is the simplest way of witnessing I’ve seen. People look you right in the eye and listen intently. We don’t save them - only God can do that, but we have to sow the seed.

Like Jesus said, some falls on hard ground, but there’s good soil too. I had four teen ladies listen to my message. When I asked: "Do you know where you’ll spend eternity?" They answered: "No, we don’t." I explained further and said you can ask Jesus today to save you. They said "Yes! We’d like to know" and they prayed to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Ten minutes later they returned with a friend and said she wants to hear the story too. This girl listened intently and when I asked if she would like to accept Jesus as her Saviour, she said: "Yes! I want to be sure." This is a miracle - that people who don’t know the Lord are willing to stand in the open and pray the sinner’s prayer.

Eternity is at stake! We are not doing this to earn brownie points. Many people don’t know and this really pushed me forward to witness. There are churches on almost every street corner but people don’t know!

At my birthday party, after supper I got out my stick and shared this with my family. They really appreciated hearing it. It’s not just for fairs - we can do it anywhere. It’s not us. It’s the Holy Spirit that does it. All the glory goes to Him and Jesus Christ, and I give Him the praise.

Sonya Buck said: We had a lot of children come in - tons of them! One teacher said: "I want to thank you for sharing the gospel with the children, because in school we are not allowed." Always speak well to children because many don’t go to church. We are the only witness to them.

Harvey Buck: I had the joy of leading many friends to the Lord. I’m excited to see what’s coming down the road.
I’ve got a heart to see this country turned upside right!

John Baker: I’m a pastor. I’m supposed to be inviting people and leading them to the Lord. These are farmers; they do a great job sharing the gospel & bringing people to Christ. Please get involved!

And of course there’s always lots of laughter! Someone said: FCF is a group of people who don’t take themselves too seriously - they come as you see them. They don’t worry about how they look. At left: Bert Visscher and Pastor John entertained everyone with a skit of the Twelve Days of Christmas, complete with chickens!
When Duncan (FCFC president) asked me to accompany him on a three-week missionary trip to British Columbia, I knew it was the will of God, even if I had to leave my job during this time. I had never been to BC and I always knew that I would not go as a tourist but to do the Lord’s work. Several weeks later, Duncan was diagnosed with cancer and would not be able to accompany me on the western trip. Wayne and Edith decided to step in as replacements. And then, just one hour into the air, Wayne started to have heart palpitations, and when changing planes in Calgary he ended up in the emergency department of a Calgary hospital. Doctors said that it was not a heart attack but that he should rest for a few days in Calgary and then return home.

Meanwhile, I was alone in the Vancouver airport where I knew no one. However, I was at peace having the assurance that God was with me and because of His unshakeable faithfulness, all my needs would be looked after.

Before blessing, there is always testing and there was never a question of turning back. Without faith, it is impossible to please God.

Now that Wayne had to stay in Calgary for at least three days, his wife Edith decided to come with me to the other two events which were scheduled the following two weekends: the Pacific Ag Show in Abbotsford and Island Ag Show on Vancouver Island. He was involved in last year’s outreach and returned this year with the desire to start a chapter. After all, the goal of our trip included, besides sharing the gospel at three events, getting a chapter started involving the local people.

Today this chapter is not officially underway but the groundwork has been done. Ten people left their names as potential participants and, by the grace of God, a chapter...
will come together in the coming months. Another volunteer, Henry, also worked with us on this gospel campaign. He is president of the local Gideon camp. Being limited in the amount of baggage we could bring, we did not have any New Testaments. Lloyd and Lorraine, my hosts where I stayed, knew this man and asked him to bring some New Testaments to our booth the first day of our second event. Henry was given the basic training which we give volunteers, and this energetic young man of 70 years shared the five-colour message with many people.

Robert Reid, a chapter leader from Red Deer, Alberta, also helped us in Abbotsford.

In total, around 5000 people heard the gospel and a good number of them accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Many Christians were built up in their faith and encouraged to go out and do the same. A new chapter will soon take root!

The Abbotsford area has many residents who are members of the Sikh community. We were able to give them a New Testament in their own language (Punjabi) which they immediately began to read. There are many countries in the world where we cannot proclaim the gospel because of hostilities, but God has found another method: He is sending them to us!

Finally, I would like to thank my gracious hosts, Lloyd and Lorraine Tanner, and John and Ruth Duerksen.

Above: Lloyd & Lorraine Tanner, Abbotsford, BC, gracious hosts, always willing to help, whether cooking meals, providing beds, preparing sticks, storing materials, or helping make connections. "We thank God upon every remembrance of you… for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now." Phil 1:3&5

Chain Evangelism, Mike Sweeney, continued from p. 4

turn back until they brought one sinner into the Kingdom of God, two years from now the Body of Christ on the earth would have multiplied to 3 billion souls, repeat that the third year and we are 6,000,000,000 strong! With such an army it would only take days to reach those remaining through prayer and witnessing.

You may say, “That’s foolishness! Absurd! Ludicrous!” Well it obviously is to the majority; but Jesus was speaking to the minority in Mark 16 and He said **TELL EVERYONE!** Since we’re still the minority, let’s put on the Whole Armour of God to Fight the Good Fight of Faith, and plunder the spoil of the enemy’s camp, thus increasing the population of heaven!

**It can be done!** Thirty-six volunteers spoke to over 8700 souls at the Royal and many of them today are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Hallelujah!!!

The more we renew our minds with the way Jesus thinks, the more effective we will be as members (cells) of the Body of Christ.

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"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt." Matt 6:20

"Hockey-crazed Canadians from coast to coast thought nothing of getting an early morning start and streaming into bars — and even a Halifax church — on Sunday to watch and triumphantly celebrate Team Canada capturing Olympic gold." One fellow boasted, "This is our team, this is what we live, this is what we breathe, this is what we do — 4:30 in the morning is nothing to watch this..." Well, as you know, that was some of the spontaneous reaction and response to the big gold medal win at the Olympics in Sochi. Canadians were proud of their hockey heroes (actually many of them went ballistic!). Canada had stick-handled and shot their way to the top of the podium to be recognized as the team with tenacity, tact and true grit needed to endure to the end. Their goal was gold right from the first puck that was dropped. And their aim was to settle for nothing less. Their hopes and dreams fulfilled, Canadians celebrated a golden victory.

All of this excitement and hype over achieving gold, silver and bronze at the Olympics caused me to think of what the Bible has to say about coveted rewards and trophies for the believer. We read in Matthew 6:20 that Christians are "to lay up for themselves treasures in Heaven." And in 2 Cor 5:9,10, "..... we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment Seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." The apostle Paul encourages believers to go for the gold, to be achievers and winners in their race to the finish. Paul himself was living testimony to these noble spiritual principles (2 Tim. 4:7). In 1 Corinthians, he says: "We are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. (3:9-15)."

Paul encourages believers to go for the gold, to be achievers and winners in their race to the finish

Paul says there are rewards for the committed Christian... gold, silver and precious stones... crowns to be laid at the feet of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. What will it be when we stand before Him at the Judgment Seat? Will He be able to say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of thy reward"? God has great expectations for His laborers. Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. We have neighbours who are lost; we have friends who are lost; and we have family members who are lost.
We have been commissioned to go into all the world and preach the good news of the gospel so that sinners might repent and find hope and peace of mind in the saving work of the Cross. We are all on call with no exceptions, assigned to telling the old, old story of God's love to those who are strangers to the grace and mercy of a caring God (John 3:16). God has gifted and anointed us to carry out this great mission. He has promised to be with us and that His Word will not return unto Him void. So He's counting on our faithfulness and we must not fail in the trust He has placed in us. Remember the Bill Gaither gospel song? "I will serve Thee, because I love Thee; Thou hast given life to me." My friend, we are saved to serve... no exclusions, no exceptions, no excuses!

Yes, others are waiting to hear the good news that can transform their lives. What He has done for us, He can do for others. And as volunteers with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, we have some very unique opportunities in the venues and open doors that God has granted to us. What a privilege it has been to be able to testify of our love for the Lord and challenge others to consider this Truth that will change the course of a sinner's life... a life bound for Hell and suddenly redirected to Heaven! It's all about planting the seed, watering the seed and seeing God bring forth a harvest of souls for His glory. I recall sharing Christ with a Jewish family last year and the very next day telling the same good news to a Moslem from Saudi Arabia! And I thought to myself, this is the answer to all of the troubles in the Middle East (and the world in general). Jesus Christ can bring peace where there is war. He can calm the troubled heart. He can lighten our burdens and lead the way through the wilderness of our darkened world. "He is all I need"... and all you need! May our witness and ministry encourage other believers to be bold for Christ in these last days too... "It only takes a spark to get a fire going..."

There is always the urgency of the hour. Time is but a vapor that appeareth for a short time and then vanisheth away. "Today is the day of salvation". We have no guarantee of tomorrow as the sudden passing of my brother recently reminded me. We must work the work while there is yet day because the night cometh when no man can work. Pray for the ministry, especially those engaged in the outreach and also those who will be the recipients of our message. May it glorify the Lord.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past; Only what's done for Christ will last".

"For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Go for the gold, beloved! Stand tall for Him! Oh that we might be as enthusiastic as those who have consecrated themselves to the world of sports as we saw in the Olympics... "This is our team, this is what we live, this is what we breathe, this is what we do..." The big difference is that the game we play has eternal ramifications!

TELL IT AGAIN

Into the tent where a gypsy boy lay,
Dying alone at the close of the day,
News of salvation we carried; said he:
"Nobody ever has told it to me!"

Tell it again! Tell it again!
Salvation's story repeat o'er and o'er.
Till none can say of the children of men,
"Nobody ever has told me before."

Mary B. Slade

Rev. Gerry Nickerson is a retired pastor living in Queenstwon, NB. He works with both the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia chapters.

"How can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?" Rom 10:14 (NLT)
Agritrade, Red Deer, Alberta  
Donna Hegge

To all who helped us out practically and prayerfully with Agritrade 2013, thank-you so much! It was an exhausting, but most exhilarating, time! Apart from one’s salvation, there is truly no greater joy than sharing this Good News with others! We had the opportunity to do that for four days (6-9 Nov). Over 1000 people stopped by our booth during that time, and we did our best to point them to our Saviour.

We shared the gospel very simply through the colours on the walking sticks, and that often led to deeper conversations. When that happened, we would also offer them a gospel of John or a Gideon’s New Testament. The NT's were great to have on hand as they had additional information for the readers as to how to look up specific verses when dealing with various issues in life.

We have so much for which to be thankful! The Lord provided us with a small army of Christians from various churches, who were willing to stand with us in sharing our faith; we were protected the entire time - at the site and travelling to and from Agritrade on the icy, hazardous roads!

A verse that comes to my mind as I try to express this most uplifting experience is Psalm 28:7:

"The Lord is (was) my strength and shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am (was) helped! Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song will I praise Him!"

Agribition, Regina, SK  
Ed Lofgren

We debated for awhile if we should try to do the Regina show by ourselves but we had the sticks and enough money to pay for the booth so made the decision to do it. We had a good week. We shared with over 3000 people plus school kids that came by. Each received a hockey stick or bracelet and heard the story of the beads. They were encouraged to share with their friends at school. There were a good number that came to know The Lord and many were challenged to read the tract and pray the prayer.

Thanks to George Gardiner for 560 hockey sticks which were very popular with the kids and adults who wanted them for their grandchildren. That’s a good ministry George - keep it up. Please pray for those we shared with that they will obey the Spirit’s conviction in their lives. God bless each chapter and each show that many more would come to faith in Christ.

FCF International 21st Annual Conference

- Special Music
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August 1-3, 2014  
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For more info:  
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Email: fellowship@fcfi.org
Calendar of Events to the end of July, 2014

FCFC plans to have an outreach booth at the following events. Would you like to join us? There’s a contact person listed for each show.

AB: Red Deer Farmers’ Market, Summer Saturdays, Robert Reid, 403-347-8663, Donna Hegge, 403-986-1614
   Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede, July 23-26, 2014, Wayne Clark, 450-566-1461

SK: Lloydminster Exhibition, July 9-12, 2014, Wayne Clark, 450-566-1461

MB: Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, Brandon, Mar 1-Apr 5, 2014, Dan Lepp, 204-728-4784

ON: Annual General Meeting & Spring Retreat, Dalkeith, April 11-12, 2014, FCFC Office, 819-242-8063
   Festival of the Maples, Perth, April 26, 2014, Garry Boyce, 613-253-8193
   Alexandria Farmers’ Market, Summer Saturdays, Mark Willock, 613-525-1703
   Millbrook Fair, June 12-15, 2014, Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019
   Cobourg Waterfront Festival, Jun 28 - Jul 1, 2014, Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019
   Fort Erie Friendship Festival, Jun 28 - Jul 1, 2014, Bob Foster, 905-894-0223
   Ridgeway Summer Festival, Jul 5-6, 2014, Bob Foster, 905-894-0223
   Lakefield Fair, July 25-27, 2014, Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019

   Expo BBQ Bellechasse, July 3-6, 2014, Sylvain Couture, 819-868-4336
   Exposition agricole de Trois-Rivières, July 3-12, 2014, Jocelyn Aubut, 819-372-0460
   Sidewalk Sale, St-Hyacinthe, Jul 9-13, 2014, Sylvain Couture, 819-868-4336
   Festival Élégance, Lac Etchemin, July 12, 2014, Francis Bernier, 450-261-9292


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Have You Heard the Good News?

Jesus invites you to spend eternity with Him in heaven. Gold reminds us of heaven, God's home.

Jesus said: "I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2

However, there is bad news!

Not everybody goes to heaven. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 ("All" includes you and me!)

Sin is represented by a dark colour - the absence of light.

Heaven is a perfect place - no sin can enter God's presence (if it did, then heaven wouldn't be perfect anymore!)

But there is good news!

God provided a way to have our sins washed away:

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." 1 Peter 3:18

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

The red colour represents Christ's blood that he shed on the cross. He paid the penalty for our sin so that we could be forgiven.

What must we do to be forgiven and gain eternal life?

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

“…if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

White represents purity and forgiveness, our sins washed white as snow.

Green represents Spiritual Growth. Once you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, you'll want to grow to know Him better, through reading the Bible, praying, worshipping in a church where Christ is preached, and sharing the good news with your family, friends, and neighbours.

Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour? Good News is for sharing! Tell someone today!

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